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Chapman Student in Final Round of KTLA Anchor Auditions

ORANGE, Calif., Nov. 27, 2006 – Chapman University senior Emily Wilson has been chosen as one of the final two contestants in the latest round of KTLA-Channel 5's "The Audition: College Edition," a multi-round competition that will result in the winner taking home a prize of \$25,000 and a potential on-air reporting job at KTLA.

Her final audition took place on Monday, November 27 with a series of live shots in front of Memorial Hall on the Chapman University campus. She did a news tease at 7 a.m., a short feature "pop" at 7:20, another tease at 8 a.m. and another short "pop" at 8:20, all broadcast live on KTLA's Morning News. Chapman President James Doti and an energetic crowd of students and supporters braved a cold rain to cheer Wilson on, wave Chapman pennants and provide a colorful background for the camera shots.

The winner will be announced Wednesday, November 29 during the KTLA Morning News.

When the competition began, Wilson sent in an audition tape and was selected as one of 16 competitors from Southern California colleges and universities who would vie for the prize. She was up against rivals from USC, UCLA, Cal State Fullerton and Cal State Long Beach, among others. (Her competitor in the final round is Cameron Abundes of Cal State Fullerton, making it an all-Orange County finale.)

Wilson, a broadcast journalism major from Colorado, has made her way through round after round of on-air broadcast auditions – covering news, weather, entertainment and sports (a live report from a Clippers game) -- as the competitors were winnowed down to the final two. Her audition clips can be seen on the KTLA website:

http://ktla.trb.com/extras/ktla/theaudition2006/index.html

Chapman broadcast journalism professor Pete Weitzner says that Wilson's strength is her natural demeanor on-camera. "The best part about her is that what you see is what you get – she's an incredibly bright young lady, and also just a nice person. That comes through to the viewers, and that's the most important thing to the judges. She's the best of what you'd like to see in this generation."